SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5380

As Reported By Senate Committee On: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, February 3, 2005 Ways & Means, February 21, 2005

Title: An act relating to disbursement of liquor revolving fund moneys for the purpose of funding alcohol education programs.

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to disbursement of liquor revolving fund moneys for the purpose of funding alcohol education programs.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Franklin and Kline; by request of Liquor Control Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/1/05, 2/3/05 [DP-WM].

Ways & Means: 2/16/05, 2/21/05 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Parlette, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Hewitt, Honeyford and Keiser.

Staff: Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Fairley, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Thibaudeau.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Brandland.

Staff: Dean Carlson (786-7305)

Background: The Liquor Control Board (LCB) is currently required to conduct a statewide alcohol awareness program in collaboration with federal and state agencies, to interested organizations and individuals. For a number of years, \$150,000 from the liquor license fee collections have been transferred to the general fund for juvenile alcohol and drug prevention programs to be administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Recently, OSPI has not spent this transfer.

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Summary of Bill: The transfer of \$150,000 in liquor license fees for OSPI's use is discontinued and the fees remain in control of the LCB for use in their alcohol education program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: OSPI did not believe that the \$150,000 transfer it received was sufficient to fund a comprehensive alcohol education program. The LCB intends to use the funds as seed money to provide alcohol education programs in areas in which stakeholders are not currently offering alcohol education.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Rick Garza, Liquor Control Board.

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